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San Antonio Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc.™

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

I am pleased once again to bring you greetings from the President's Corner. Our chapter continues to grow in numbers. I am thankful and pleased with the progress that the chapter continues to make. Thanks to the members who are always there to assist me in meeting our goals. The Lord continues to bless us in many ways. As we near the end of another year, I am proud to say that we have accomplished a lot and I am looking forward to another year that will be just as successful. We have some exciting plans on the horizon for next year, for example, we hope to spark up our Young Eagles program, and we will need volunteers to assist with the planning. Also we plan to commemorate the 17th Anniversary of the establishment of our chapter. We will combine it with the annual educational assistance and awards banquet, and we hope to have an outstanding and exciting program planned for your enjoyment.

Two weeks ago our chapter participated in the Randolph AFB Air Show. It was a great marketing opportunity in that we were able to share with the patrons of the Air Show that we are active and doing things in the community. I want to thank the members who volunteered to assist us at our booth. Watch our newsletter for more information on our upcoming events. Thanks again for your continued support.

Sarah J. Williams, Col, USAF (Ret)

Welcome to Our Newest and Returning* Members

- Roosevelt Burton* ■ Thomas Ellis* (TAI-OM) ■ Lincoln Hardaway*
- Willie Heard* (Life Mbr) ■ Maj William Law* ■ Adrian Marshall
- Albert Marshall* ■ Robert McDaniel* (TAI-OM) ■ Marie McGarity*
- Oliver Nelson* ■ Ramon Noches (TAI-H) ■ Maurico Ripley ■ Carolin Sinkfield*
- Rick Sinkfield* ■ CMSgt Cornell Turner* ■ Clara Wallace*
- Capt Willie Wallace* ■ Bernard Whitley* ■ Sarah Williams* (Life Mbr)

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Benjamin Oliver Davis Jr. was born December 18, 1912. He entered the U.S. Military Academy in 1932, where in four years at West Point no one would room with him or speak to him outside the line of duty. He dealt with the bigotry and graduated 35th in a class of 276, only the fourth Black graduate in the academy's history. When he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1936, the Army had only two Black line officers, Benjamin O. Davis Sr. and Benjamin O. Davis Jr. His later leadership of

America's only all-Black air units of World War II – the Tuskegee Airmen" helped speed the integration of the Air Force, and in 1954 he became its first Black general. In his autobiography, "Benjamin O. Davis Jr.: American" General Davis stated "We would go through any ordeal that came our way, be it in garrison existence or combat, to prove our worth."

Join us the first
Thursday of each month
at 6:30 p.m. at the
Randolph Enlisted Club

8 Jan 2004 ** 5 Feb 2004

"To be renowned for what we do and respected for how well we do it."



RANDOLPH AIR SHOW

The Blue Angels, Golden Knights and the San Antonio Chapter of Tuskegee Airmen, Inc. were among the many participants in the largest military air show in Texas that took place at Randolph Air Force Base on the first weekend of November 2003.

The free air show was held in conjunction with the greater San Antonio area observance of Celebrate America's Military Week and the Centennial of Flight. Included in the aerial attractions, displays and concessions were two symbols of the Tuskegee Experience – a vintage P-51 and one of the 99th Flying Training Squadron's T-1 JayHawk trainers, with its new distinctive "red tailed" configuration.

Over the two-day event, over 200 attendees visited the SAC-TAI booth; staffed by chapter members in Hangar 40; to get information, inquire on membership, educational presentations, or purchase merchandise.



Chapter President, Sarah Williams and Vice President, Maurice Ripley



San Antonio Chapter gave many "A Lesson in American History"



Members Lt Cory Clark and MSgt Marv Abrams visit a 99th FTS JayHawk with distinctive markings



Marie McGarity, MSgt Horace Carter and Maurice Ripley greet air show and booth visitors

OUT AND ABOUT:

NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet

Several members of SAC-TAI attended the 2003 San Antonio Branch of NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet on October 10, 2003 at the La Villita Assembly Hall. Sarah Williams; Chapter President, Marv Abrams; Secretary, and chapter members, Clara Wallace, Chapter Life Member Willie Heard and Cory Clark, joined at the benefit dinner. Highlights of the "Having Our Say" were the presenting of the NAACP Freedom Fund Award to NBA Hall of Fame member George Gervin, and Texas Supreme Court Justice Dale Wainwright as guest speaker.

Texas State Senior Olympics

Dr. Granville Coggs, original Tuskegee Airman and SAC-TAI member, was the winner of Gold and Silver medals in Senior Olympic 200- and 400-meter track events, respectively, on 11 Oct 2003 in Temple, Texas.

Best Wishes to Capt Willie Wallace on his recent wedding.

Welcome Home to Major Juliette Robinson after her deployment to Germany.

UPCOMING CHAPTER EVENTS/ITEMS OF INTEREST:

CHAPTER HOLIDAY SOCIAL: The chapter's annual Holiday Social will be held at the President's residence on December 19, 2003 at 6:30 p.m. All members and guests should contact Col (retired) Sarah Williams at (210) 679-7237 for needed entrees and directions.

Visit the San Antonio Chapter website at
<http://www.brooks.af.mil/aaca/tai.htm>



SPOTLIGHT ON LT COLONEL (RETIRED) JOE LINDSAY

"The Legacy Continues"

This quarter's spotlight is on Lt Col (retired) Joe E. Lindsay. We are fortunate to have him as a member of our chapter. Col Lindsay joined our chapter in January 2003 after moving from Dover Delaware to San Antonio. He is a retired command pilot with over 7,000 hours of flying time, which included over 6,000 hours in the C-5A/B, the Air Force's largest cargo aircraft. Col Lindsay was command pilot of the historic all black C-5 Air Lift Mission who flew into the Middle East in February 1986. This was the first of such missions since the famous Tuskegee Airmen. Carrying on the legacy and drawing their inspiration and pride from the Tuskegee Airmen, who paved the way for black pilots and other crew members, this accomplished crew performed outstanding. It was also the first of its kind to fly out of Dover AFB, Delaware. The crew's mission drew laudatory international media coverage and generated great pride in African American communities worldwide. (In the picture Col Lindsay is 4th from left)

A dedicated and committed member of the San Antonio Chapter, Tuskegee Airmen, he serves as a local community leader. Recently, he had the privilege of participating in events commemorating the 40th anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington. He was speaker and guest panelist at Northwest Vista College and St. Phillips College - San Antonio's only historically Black College. The mid-day program at Northwest Vista and the evening program at St Phillips featured politicians, religious and community leaders along with media representatives. The programs whose theme was to inform young people about the "Civil Rights Movement and Where Do We Go From Here?" were spirited and insightful. The evening program at St Phillips culminated with a somber but impressive candle-lighting ceremony that honored those who lost their lives during the Civil Rights Movement.





San Antonio Chapter Tuskegee Airmen Inc. Calendar of Events - 2004

JANUARY

08 Chapter Meeting/6:30pm
19 ML King Jr. Day

FEBUARY

05 Chapter Meeting/6:30pm
10 Brooks AFB Military
Heroes Day/11:00 am
16 President's Day

MARCH

04 Chapter Membership
Social (Meeting)/6:30pm
06 62nd Anniv. - 1st Tuskegee
Graduating Class

APRIL

08* Chapter Meeting/6:30pm
11 Easter Sunday
16 Legends & Heroes
Golf Tournament/1:00 pm
17-18 Taste of New Orleans

MAY

06 Chapter Meeting/6:30pm
09 Mother's Day
22 Education Awards
Banquet/6:00 pm
31 Memorial Day

JUNE

03 Chapter Meeting/6:30pm
19 Juneteenth
20 Father's Day

JULY

04 Independence Day
08* Chapter Meeting/6:30pm

AUGUST

02-08 TAI Convention
12 Chapter Meeting/6:30pm

SEPTEMBER

02 Chapter Meeting/6:30pm

OCTOBER

07 Chapter Membership
Social (Meeting)/6:30pm

NOVEMBER

04 Chapter Meeting/6:30pm
11 Veterans Day
25 Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

02 Chapter Meeting/6:30pm
25 Christmas Day
26 Kwanzaa Begins

Submit additional items for the SAC-TAI
calendar to marv.abrams@randolph.af.mil
or call (210) 421-2485.



NATIONAL NEWS

2004 NATIONAL CONVENTION: The Alfonza Davis Chapter in Omaha, Nebraska will host the 33rd Annual National Convention during August 2-8 2004. Please mark your calendars.

LOCAL NEWS

CHAPTER BLAZERS AND POCKET PATCHES: Show your chapter pride with your own blazer in distinctive burgundy and your name, your chapter and the National emblem prominently displayed over the blazer (or any shirt/jacket) pocket. Order your blazer for only \$79.99 by calling Bob Glose at the Windsor Park JC Penney at (210) 654-1550 with delivery in 1 week. Pocket patches are only \$15 with delivery in 2 to 3 weeks. Contact chapter president, Col (retired) Sarah Williams at 679-7237 to order.

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MIND ON YOUR \$\$\$

Revised 2003 Tax Rate Schedules: The tax rate brackets of 27%, 30%, 35%, and 38.6% have been reduced to 25%, 28%, 33% and 35%, respectively.

Basic Standard Deduction Increases: The basic standard deduction for married taxpayers filing jointly and qualifying widowers has increased to \$9,500. The standard deduction for married taxpayers filing separately has also increased to \$4,750 (same as single taxpayers)

Child Tax Credit Increased: The maximum Child Tax Credit increased from \$600 to \$1,000 per child.

FROM: Black Enterprise Magazine (Dec03) and Internal Revenue Service

MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

We want YOU at the 2004 SAC-TAI meetings!

January 8	July 8
February 5	August 12
March 4	September 2
April 8* (schedule change)	October 7
May 6	November 4
June 3	December 2

*Randolph AFB Enlisted Club, Tradition Room
6:30 p.m.*

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